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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of: Hans-Norbert Brand et al

Title: THERMOLUMINESCENCE DETECTOR AND METHOD FOR THE
PRODUCTION THEREOF

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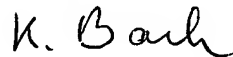
Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. Section 1.56, and in accordance with 37 C.F.R. Sections 1.97 and 1.98, applicants' representative hereby submits US Patent & Trademark Office Form PTO-1449. Copies of the references cited therein are submitted for consideration in the examination of the above-referenced patent application. It is respectfully requested that they be made of record, along with whatever references the Examiner may find in the course of a search, should the Examiner consider them material to the subject application.

The references were cited in the International Search Report. They were all marked "A" by the Examiner as relating only to background material. The references do not disclose that in a thermoluminescence detector, a coded cover layer is provided, which consists of a silicon resin including pigment particles, and the cover layer is pre-tempered to evaporate solvents and then coded by evaporation of areas of the layer, by

means of a laser, in a selectable pattern, whereupon the coded layer is finally tempered for fixing the code pattern.

This Statement is hereby submitted under Section 1.97(b) since it is being submitted concurrently with the filing of the above-referenced application.

Respectfully submitted,

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